

REMARKS

In the Office Action of June 12, 2007, a restriction was noted. Applicant has provisionally elects Species V of FIG. 21 with traverse (claims 16-24) which are readable on the provisionally elected Species V. Applicant has cancelled without prejudice the remaining Species I, II, III, IV and VI (claims 1-15 and 25-34).

Applicant respectfully submits that there are only four Species A-D in this application.

Species A: FIGS. 10, 15 and 23

Species B: FIGS. 10, 17 and 23

Species C: FIGS. 10 and 19

Species D: FIGS. 10 and 21

As described on page 43, lines 16-18 of the specification, FIG. 10 shows an image processing system to which the embodiments of the present invention may be applied. Hence, FIG. 10 is common to all Species A-D.

As described on page 50, lines 3-8 of the specification, FIG. 15 shows the image processing apparatus 100 shown in FIG. 10. In addition, as described on page 61, line 23 to page 62, line 7 of the specification, FIG. 23 shows an electronic camera including the functions of the image processing apparatus 100. Hence, the Species A includes FIGS. 10, 15 and 23.

As described on page 51, line 24 to page 52, line 1 of the specification, FIG. 17 shows the image processing apparatus 200 shown in FIG. 10. In addition, as described on page 61, line 23 to page 62, line 7 of the specification, FIG. 23 shows an electronic camera including the functions of the image processing apparatus 200. Hence, the Species B includes FIGS. 10, 15 and 23.

As described on page 53, line 24 to page 54, line 2 of the specification, FIG. 19 shows the image processing apparatus 400 shown in FIG. 10. Hence, the Species C includes FIGS. 10, and 19.

As described on page 57, line 23 to page 58, line 1 of the specification, FIG. 21 shows the image processing apparatus 500 shown in FIG. 10. Hence, the Species D includes FIGS. 10 and 21.

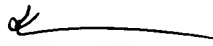
In view of the above Species A-D, we elect the Species D of FIGS. 10 and 21. Claims 16-24 are readable on the elected Species D.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

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